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Nirbhaya Special Task Force
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up a Nirbhaya Special Task Force in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the purpose of the said Task Force has been met and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the task force has since been discontinued and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a) Ministry of Women & Child Development had initially constituted a Task Force to look into the modalities of operationalization of the Nirbhaya Fund in May, 2013 after the Finance Minister in his budget speech 2013-14 had announced contribution of an amount of Rs. 1000 crore towards Nirbhaya Fund. The Task Force was comprised of the then Minister, WCD as Chairperson and Secretary, WCD as Convenor of the Task Force with 18 other members of Task Force from various Ministries, Departments, Organisation and eminent persons.

(b) to (d): Nirbhaya Fund is being administered by Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs. They had issued guidelines on 25.03.2015 for administration and operationalization of Nirbhaya Fund and made the Ministry of Women & Child Development as the nodal authority for appraisal of different schemes of other Ministries/ Departments under the Nirbhaya Fund. Further, an Empowered Committee of officers under the chairpersonship of Secretary, WCD was constituted on 26.10.2015 by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs for appraisal and recommendation of projects. Thus, Task Force on Nirbhaya Fund is no longer in operation after the Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs has issued guidelines from time to time on the subject for operationalization of fund.
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